

# House File 192 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child sexual abuse and child sexual assault  
2 awareness and prevention.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 46, paragraph a, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Develop and make available to school districts, examples  
4 of age-appropriate and research-based materials and lists  
5 of resources which parents may use to teach their children  
6 to recognize unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances,  
7 to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances,  
8 to effectively reject unwanted sexual advances, that it is  
9 wrong to take advantage of or exploit another person, about  
10 the dangers of sexual exploitation by means of the internet  
11 including specific strategies to help students protect  
12 themselves and their personally identifiable information  
13 from such exploitation, and about counseling, medical, and  
14 legal resources available to survivors of sexual abuse and  
15 sexual assault, including resources for escaping violent  
16 relationships. The materials and resources shall cover verbal,  
17 physical, and visual sexual harassment, including nonconsensual  
18 sexual advances, ~~and nonconsensual physical sexual contact,~~  
19 and child sexual abuse and child sexual assault awareness and  
20 prevention. In developing the materials and resource list, the  
21 director shall consult with entities that shall include but not  
22 be limited to the departments of human services, public health,  
23 and public safety, education stakeholders, and parent-teacher  
24 organizations. School districts shall provide age-appropriate  
25 and research-based materials and a list of available community  
26 and internet-based resources to parents at registration and  
27 shall also include the age-appropriate and research-based  
28 materials and resource list in the student handbook. School  
29 districts are encouraged to work with their communities to  
30 provide voluntary parent education sessions to provide parents  
31 with the skills and appropriate strategies to teach their  
32 children as described in [this subsection](#). School districts  
33 shall incorporate the age-appropriate and research-based  
34 materials into relevant curricula and shall reinforce the  
35 importance of preventive measures when reasonable with parents

1 and students.

2     Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2021, is amended by adding the  
3 following new subsection:

4     NEW SUBSECTION. 24. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
5 establishing continuing education requirements for renewal of a  
6 license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or  
7 authorization. Continuing education activities may include but  
8 are not limited to participating in or presenting at in-service  
9 training programs on child sexual abuse and sexual assault  
10 awareness and prevention.

11     Sec. 3. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13     2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and  
14 research-based instruction in human growth and development  
15 including instruction regarding human the following:

16     a. Human sexuality, self-esteem, stress management,  
17 interpersonal relationships, domestic abuse, HPV and the  
18 availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune  
19 deficiency syndrome as required in [section 256.11](#), in grades  
20 one through twelve.

21     b. Child sexual abuse and child sexual assault awareness  
22 and prevention in kindergarten through grade twelve, and in  
23 prekindergarten if the school district offers a prekindergarten  
24 program.

25     Sec. 4. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
26 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
27 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
28 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
29 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
30 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
31 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of  
32 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding  
33 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act  
34 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school  
35 districts.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill relates to child sexual abuse and sexual assault  
5 awareness and prevention by providing that continuing education  
6 activities authorized by the board of educational examiners  
7 for purposes of renewing a license, certificate, statement  
8 of professional recognition, or authorization may include  
9 participating in or presenting at in-service training programs  
10 on child sexual abuse and child sexual assault awareness and  
11 prevention. The bill also requires school districts to provide  
12 age-appropriate and research-based instruction in child sexual  
13 abuse and child sexual assault awareness and prevention as part  
14 of its human growth and development instruction in kindergarten  
15 through grade 12, and in prekindergarten if the school district  
16 offers a prekindergarten program.

17 Currently, the director of the department of education has a  
18 duty to develop and make available to school districts examples  
19 of age-appropriate and research-based materials. The bill  
20 specifies that the age-appropriate and research-based materials  
21 and resources shall also cover child sexual abuse and child  
22 sexual assault awareness and prevention.

23 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
24 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
25 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
26 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
27 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
28 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
29 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
30 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
31 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
32 mandates included in the bill.